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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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Specialty Crop Block Grant Now Open



Details & application:
www.CTGrown.gov/grants

Connecticut Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) for the 2022 program year. Applications are due by March 10, 2022. Details at CTGrown.gov/grants.

2022 Legislative Priorities

The 2022 legislative session began Wednesday, February 9 with Governor Lamont presenting his State of the State address, outlining his legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. They include workforce development, climate change, home energy, and motor vehicle assessments, among others. The full State of the State, as well as Governor Lamont's budget recommendations [can be found here](#).

In even numbered years, the legislative session runs from February to May,

the General Assembly. Since individual legislators cannot propose bills in even numbered years, they must bring their concepts to the committees of cognizance directly for consideration. Once a bill concept is raised, a public hearing can be scheduled.

Due to policies put into place due to COVID-19, the legislative office building is only open to the public on the first floor and for the next couple of weeks, the work of the legislature will be held remotely. Committee meetings will take place over zoom and will be available for viewing online. These policies will be updated as necessary throughout session.

This session, the Department of Agriculture has submitted three legislative proposals to the Environment Committee, each addressing multiple needs on one subject matter.

- An Act Concerning Agricultural Development and Innovation: This proposal would reinvigorate the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development to the Governor's Council on Agricultural Innovation and charge it with increasing agriculture in CT by developing innovative market opportunities including urban agriculture, integration and adoption of new technology, controlled environment agriculture, and diversification of products and opportunities. This proposal would also allow for the processing of rabbits as an additional market opportunity.
- An Act Concerning Regulatory Services: This proposal would create an online, statewide dog licensing concept which would increase the percentage of dog owners who register their dog by streamlining the registration process, allowing online registration, consistent registration practices, and decreasing the burden on town administrators.
- An Act Concerning Technical Revisions to the Department of Agriculture Statutes: This proposal makes necessary updates to the Department of Agriculture statutes to conform with federal law and updated language.

The Departments full legislative package [can be found here](#).

As with any legislative session, there will be many more proposals that we will be watching and submitting testimony on, to support and increase the viability of agriculture in our state.

For legislative inquiries pertaining to agriculture, please contact Kayleigh Royston at Kayleigh.Royston@ct.gov.



SHARE THE LOVE WITH CONNECTICUT GROWN

Americans will exchange 145 million Valentine's Day cards on February 14 – how can you stand apart and share the love this year? Connecticut Grown has something for every budget and taste – from flowers and chocolate to steak and oysters – surprise your sweetheart with a local, unique gift from one of Connecticut's 5,500 farms.

"Whether you like to enjoy a meal at home, an outdoor adventure, or prefer to go a more traditional route, incorporate CT Grown into this day," said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. "From the Sound to the ground, Connecticut's farmers are growing and harvesting food, fiber, and flowers that will appeal to every budget, taste, and style."

For the foodie in your life, the CT Grown options are endless. Compile a charcuterie board featuring meats, cheeses, jams, and honey from local producers. Many Connecticut farm stores are making it easier than ever by pairing up with other local farms to offer holiday-themed bundles for you to cook and serve a delicious meal at home. Steak and potatoes anyone? What about oysters on the half shell or fresh greens for a salad? Apple pie or decadent chocolates for dessert? Connecticut has all that and more!

Connecticut has more than 45 licensed farm wineries, plus farm breweries, cideries, and meaderies. Visit to get a bottle of a favored adult beverage or try a new one. While there, pick up a gift certificate for a tasting come summertime or join their club for a gift that keeps on giving.

"This Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to support CT Grown options and stand out to your significant other, or just enjoy some treats for yourself!" said Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz. "For every one dollar spent at a small business, 67 cents goes back into the local community. It's important that people continue to support their communities by shopping locally and sustainably. Plus, who doesn't enjoy flowers and chocolate?"

[Read the full release.](#)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [CT COVID-19 Knowledge-Base](#): COVID-19 resource to answer your questions on self-tests, testing sites, and more.

testing and vaccine sites, reopening guidance and more.

Agriculture businesses, non-profits, and other organizations should follow the sector rules that apply to them. Private business owners can implement or continue to require social distancing and other measures as deemed necessary.

Find the most current sector rules guidance at www.ct.gov/coronavirus.

The Department of Agriculture has archived information from various sources related to COVID-19, which can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Commissioner/Commissioner/COVID-19-Resources-for-Farmers>.

REGISTER FOR ON-FARM MOBILE VACCINATION SITE

Farms interested in hosting a mobile vaccination clinic for farm employees are encouraged to fill out the [DPH vans intake form](#).

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[CT Grown 4 Kids grant recipients announced](#), 2/8, Register Citizen

[Ellington Farmers' Market Stock Up Saturday](#), 2/8, Patch.com

['Farming in Washington' is topic of upcoming virtual lecture](#), 2/7, Register Citizen



FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM FARMER CERTIFICATION

All fruit, vegetable, and honey producers selling at Certified Connecticut Grown Farmers' Markets must be certified with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). To be certified, producers must attend a certification meeting.

The certification allows farms to accept the FMNP checks for fresh fruits, vegetables, and honey from WIC clients and income-eligible seniors over the age of 60. Join us to get your certification, learn more about available grant funding for your farm, and accept SNAP to expand your sales.

Below are the **2022** certification meeting dates which will be held virtually as well as in-person.

Virtual: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, from 6-8:00 p.m.

In-person: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – New Haven Extension Office

Virtual: Wednesday, March 3, 2022, from 8-10:00 a.m.

Registration is now open at <https://bit.ly/3DeYRLO>. **Please register at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.**

Questions can be directed to Erin Windham at Erin.Windham@ct.gov or 860-519-6083 or Allison Hughes at Allison.Hughes@ct.gov or 860-500-8918.

[Register Here](#)



NEW CT FARMER ALLIANCE SURVEY

Farmers deserve an agricultural system that helps us thrive! Fill out the New CT Farmer Alliance survey to make your voice heard. The survey should only take about 10 minutes of your time. All answers will be kept confidential and no individual identities will be shared in associations with responses. Once you submit the survey, you will be entered into a raffle to win one of three \$50 visa gift cards.

<https://bit.ly/NCTFAsurvey22>

¡Los agricultores merecen un sistema agrícola que nos ayude a prosperar! Complete la encuesta de New CT Farmer Alliance y haz que tu voz se escuche. La encuesta solo debería tomar unos 10 minutos de su tiempo. Todas las respuestas se mantendrán confidenciales y no se compartirán identidades individuales en asociación con las respuestas. Una vez que lo envíe, participará en una rifa para ganar una de las tres tarjetas de regalo Visa de \$50.

<https://bit.ly/NCTFAsurvey22>



CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION COUNCIL

2022 Outstanding Young Farmer Nominations Requested



CONNECTICUT SEEKS OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER NOMINATIONS

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) is seeking nominations for the 2022 Outstanding Young Farmer. Awarded annually during Ag Day at the Capitol, the Connecticut Outstanding Young Farmer Award recognizes the winner's progress in their agricultural career, their soil and water conservation practices, and their contributions to the well-being of the community, the state, and the nation. Nomination applications must be submitted electronically via email by February 25, 2022. Self-nominations are allowed. [Details and application here.](#)

CAIC is also accepting nominations for the Century Farm and Ag Journalism awards. Details on the programs are posted at www.ctaginfocouncil.org.

URBAN FARMERS TOOL SHED WEBINAR

UConn Extension's Solid Ground Farmer Training Program is inviting stakeholders to discuss the opportunity of creating shared farm equipment libraries in up to 3 urban locations in CT. The equipment libraries are meant to support urban farming enterprises and will ideally be hosted and managed by local partners. Stakeholders are welcome at this early stage to share their ideas and questions as this effort gets underway in 2022. Funding for this initiative comes from USDA BFRDP 2020-70017-32733.

Join us for one of two time slots both happening on **February 17**.

Session 1: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Session 2: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Register now at s.uconn.edu/urbantoolshed



USDA, CORNELL HOST FIRST NATIONAL HEMP WEBINAR SERIES

Lectures will be given by various hemp research experts from academia, research laboratories, production facilities, and private industry:

- Feb. 23 – Hemp Processing Systems: Dr. Heather Grab
- March 9 – Extraction Chemistry/Facility Design: Alisia Ratliff
- March 23 – The Endocannabinoid System: Ethan Russo M.D
- April 6 – Hemp Food Science: Hunter Friedland
- April 20 – Hemp Diversity/Genetics: Dr. Daniela Vergara
- May 4 – Economics of Hemp Production: Dr. Tyler Mark

The webinars will occur every other Wednesday from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EST and include an interactive Q&A session. Registration is required.



CONNECTICUT GROWN PRODUCER SURVEY

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is seeking producer feedback on the 2021 CT Grown campaign. The short survey will take approximately three minutes to complete. We value and appreciate your input as we work together

[Take the survey.](#)

If you are looking for more information on adding events, downloading the new CT Grown logo, adding your farm to the interactive map please visit www.CTGrown.org.

ACCESS CAPITAL AND USDA PROGRAMS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County invites farms, food-based businesses, and agricultural businesses to join them for a panel discussion on accessing capital and various USDA programs to grow their business.

This panel discussion will take place on **Tuesday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m.** Presenters at this session will include:

- Farm Service Agency
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Rural Development
- NBT Bank
- Farm Credit East
- Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce/COVID Relief grant

This is a great opportunity to learn about the options for accessing financing, conservation programs, and other resources to grow your farm and/or food-based business!

The cost to attend is \$10/farm and pre-registration is required. Veterans located in NY or NJ may attend for free. Click [here](#) to register.

MSU HOP PRODUCTION WEBINAR

This online, on-demand hop production course provides detailed and comprehensive presentations and resources that address all aspects of hop production from economic considerations to postharvest handling. The course was developed for beginner or prospective hop producers but could also be utilized by more experienced hop growers.

To register for this course you will need to create an account, sign in with your email/password, and complete the registration process. To watch a video tutorial, demonstrating an overview of the registration process, click on the following link: [Online Course Registration Video Tutorial](#). Step-by-step instructions are below.

1. Create your MSU Guest Account and Password: [Create Your Account](#). (For detailed, step-by-step instructions visit the following page: [Account Creation Instructions](#).)
2. Login to the registration system with your Community ID and Password: [Hop Production Course Registration](#).

For more information and to register please follow the link below.

[Learn More and Register](#)



SPRING CROP SALES CLOSING

The deadline to insure spring crops in the northeast for the 2022 crop year is March 15, 2022. Insurable spring crops include field and vegetable crops such as corn, soybeans, barley, oats, fresh market sweet corn, cabbage, processing beans, processing sweet corn, dry beans, green peas, fresh market beans, tomatoes, tobacco, and potatoes. Coverage availability varies by county. Visit CropGrowers.com to view [individual crop fact sheets](#) for more information.

To protect your investment in the 2022 crop, spring crop producers should contact their Crop Growers agent well in advance of the March 15 deadline. Let your agent know of any changes in your entity and they will update you of any changes to the crop insurance policy.

[Learn More](#)

FARMER'S STRESS AND SOLUTIONS: A WEBINAR SERIES

Join us this season to talk about the different stressors that farmers face in Connecticut and the ways your fellow farmers are managing them. This webinar series is open to all, but all participants will be completely anonymous to other attendees. Feel free to submit questions and thoughts ahead of time to Rebecca.Toms@UConn.edu



**You're Not Perfect:
The Myth of the Perfect Farm
and Celebrating your Successes**

February 16th, 7PM-8:30 PM
With: Jen Salinetti, Woven Roots
Farm, Tyringham, MA

**What it's Like: What to Expect if
You Want to See a Therapist**

March 8th, 7PM- 8:30 PM
A conversation with Alana DiPesa,
LCSW and Becca Toms

**Farm Talk: Sharing Common
Stressors Among CT farmers**

March 1 from 10:30AM- 12PM
A panel discussion with Lauren
Little, Steve Munno, and
Andromeda Macri

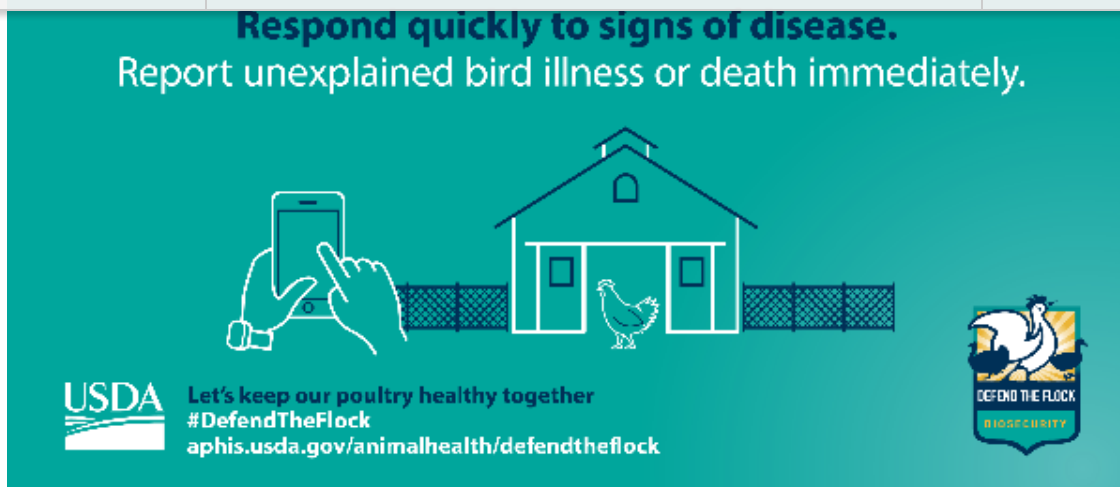
Register at: <https://newfarms.uconn.edu/solidground/>

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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA CONFIRMED IN INDIANA COMMERCIAL TURKEY FLOCK

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a commercial turkey flock in Dubois County, Indiana. This is the first confirmed case of HPAI in commercial poultry in the United States since 2020.

Avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F kills bacteria and viruses.

Signs of Avian Influenza include depression, decreased feed and water consumption, decreased egg production, soft or misshapen eggs, and respiratory signs (coughing and sneezing). You can also find out more by visiting the [Connecticut Department of Public Health's pandemic flu webpage](#) or visit the [USDA's Bird Flu website](#).

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. APHIS has materials about biosecurity, including videos, checklists, and a toolkit available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-resources/df-resources>.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds and report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through the Connecticut state veterinarian at 860-713-2505 or email ctstate.vet@ct.gov or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593. Additional information on biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR FARM CREDIT EAST'S LIPINSKI RURAL INITIATIVES AWARD

transformational efforts to revitalize Northeast rural communities. The nomination deadline for this award has been extended to **February 18, 2022**.

The Lipinski Rural Initiatives Award recognizes programs, projects, individuals, businesses, organizations, and/or institutions that create jobs in rural areas of the Northeast; contribute to the quality of life in rural communities; or enhance rural infrastructure, such as community facilities and broadband necessary for strong rural economies.

For more information follow the link below.

[Visit Farm Credit East](#)

2022 FARM TRANSITION GRANT AVAILABLE

The 2022 Farm Transition Grant (FTG) is now available at www.CTGrown.gov/grants. **Applications will be accepted until March 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

The 2022 program will again provide matching funds to Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives for the diversification of existing farm operations, transitioning to value-added agricultural production and sales, and other venues in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants. Additional detail on match requirements and eligible expenses can be found in the guidance. All applications will be submitted electronically via the new [DoAg Grants Portal](#). Questions regarding the Farm Transition Grant can be directed to Alison Grabarz at Alison.Grabarz@ct.gov.

A virtual workshop to assist interested applicants in learning about the structure of the grant and application process will occur on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via a Webex call. [Please click here to register for the webinar](#). The presentation will be recorded and posted to the agency website if you are unable to attend the live event.

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NORTHEAST DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER INVESTS IN
PROJECTS

opportunities totaling approximately \$3 million will be available for farmers, processors, and industry partners in 2022:

- **February** – Multi-Business Dairy Agritourism Grant: Funding for projects that elevate multiple dairy businesses through activities that engage consumers and promote regionally produced dairy products.
- **February** – Grazing, Forage, & Alternative Management Cohort Technical Assistance Contract: Contracts for service providers to offer technical assistance to cohorts of farmers in grazing, forage production, or alternative farm management strategies.
- **April** – Dairy Marketing & Branding Services Grant: Funding for value-added dairy processors to access professional services to implement marketing tactics, brand improvements, and overall strategy.
- **June** – Dairy Processor Innovation Grant: Funding for dairy processors to make key developments in operations, products, marketing, and other strategies to position their businesses for long-term success.
- **October** – Dairy Farm Innovation Grant: Funding for dairy farms to take a holistic approach to implementing community- and climate-forward dairy production and business strategies.

For more information about the projects follow the link below.

[Learn More](#)



**RESPONDING TO CHANGE,
PIVOTING FOR PROFITABILITY**

Take charge of your business. Respond to disruption.
Maintain financial security.

Mondays: Jan. 31 - Feb. 28
10am-12:30pm

Wednesdays: Jan. 12-26 & Feb. 9
3:30pm-8:00pm

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NRCS ANNOUNCES URBAN AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE IN CONNECTICUT

Thomas L. Morgart, State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, has announced the agency is rolling out its Urban Agriculture Initiative in Connecticut and **will be accepting applications for FY2022 funding through March 18, 2022.**

Urban agriculture pioneers are taking action in their communities growing not only fresh, healthy produce, but increasing opportunity and knowledge and improving the beauty of their neighborhoods. Through this initiative, NRCS will help urban farmers care for the natural resources on their land – soil, water, air, plants, and animals by addressing soil health, irrigation and water conservation, weeds and pests, and high tunnels.

For more information visit the link below.

[Learn More](#)

ADD YOUR BUSINESS TO CT GROWN MAP

The Department of Agriculture, in coordination with CT NOFA, offers a variety of online listings on the [CT Grown Map](#) page. All agricultural businesses, farm stands, and farmers' markets are welcome to apply. There is no fee to participate and applications are accepted year round. To apply to be listed, visit the [CT Grown Map Google Form](#).

Ag Market Pricing

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)
Prices provided on February 9, 2022

[New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA](#)

[CT Farmers' Market Prices](#)
Prices provided on October 22, 2021

[New Holland, PA Hay Report](#)

[Northeast Regional Eggs](#)

[USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update](#)

[New England Shell Eggs](#)

[Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston](#)

[Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary](#)

[Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston](#)

[Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA](#)

Advertisements

For Sale

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. [Sonpal's Power Fence](#) 860-491-2290.

46-R. Lynn Blackmer, local Nationwide Farm Insurance Agent. AFIS certified. Nationwide Farm Master Certified. Serving CT & RI. Any type/size farm. CT Farm Bureau members may qualify for discounts. Cell: 860-377-8947. lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com Appointments available any time.

Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.

54-R. Transplanters, vacuum seeders, fertilizer applicators, garlic and potato planters and harvesters. High quality Italian-made precision equipment for the vegetable, tobacco, hemp, fruit, and floral markets. Call or email us today for details. Griffin Farm Equipment, LLC. 860-508-2426, Griffinfarm@aol.com; www.griffinfarmtools.com

55-R. 250 Bales clean golden yellow rye straw, cut 6/1, large bales. 203-506-6318.

22-1. Honeybees: 5-frame Deep nucs only, available first week May. Jones Apiaries, LLC, 860-677-9391.

22-3. SnowBlower – 48” PTO. Like new only used twice \$3,095 new. Asking \$2,500 best offer. 860-604-3452

Wanted

42-R. EZTRAIL kicker bale wagons, any condition. Cash paid. Call or text George, 860-918-5442.

Job Opportunities

The Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture at the University of Connecticut is currently searching for a new research farm manager. Minimum qualifications are a Bachelor's degree and at least six years of relevant experience, including supervisory experience. For more information and list of qualifications, please review the job description here: <https://jobs.hr.uconn.edu/cw/en-us/job/496026>

UConn Extension at the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources is looking to hire a Project Co-Coordinator to assist with its training program and activities for new farmers (Solid Ground Farmer Training Program). The position begins in March and is year-round. Deadline to apply is February 11, 2022. [Click here for more information on the position.](#)

CitySeed is expanding and seeking a part-time Development Associate to join the team. [Learn more.](#)

Brass City Harvest in Waterbury, CT is seeking a culinary kitchen leader. To learn more about the position, click [here](#).

Interested in Advertising? Click [here](#) for details on rates and submission.

Upcoming Events
(click on image below for info)

ON-FARM COMPOSTING

TUESDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2022
6:30-8PM ON ZOOM REGISTER HERE
PRESIDENTS: YOKO TAKEMURA + ALEX CARPENTER
ASSASSINAGRA FARM

Building biologically active compost on small farms. Yoko and Alex will share their composting system, which uses very basic tools with a low starting cost. This method produces high quality compost that is used in small amounts for ongoing inoculation of the soil rather than to boost OM% or add significant amounts of nutrients. It is also excellent material to make compost extracts, teas and/or feeding worm bins.

NO-TILL FIELD DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 26TH, 2022
REGISTER HERE 100-4:00PM
TOBACCO ROAD FARM - LEBANON, CT
PRESIDENT: BRYAN O'HARA
AUTHOR: NO-TILL INTENSIVE VEGETABLE CULTURE

Bryan will provide mountains of details on agricultural techniques and will also demonstrate specific equipment needed for No-Till operations. These specialized tools will be absolutely game changing for saving on labor and maximizing efficiencies on your farm.

ECOLOGICAL GROWING

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND, 2022
100-3:00PM REGISTER HERE
HIGH HILL ORCHARD - MERIDEN, CT
PRESIDENT: WAYNE YOUNG

Explore how ecological growing can be implemented to support reduced or no pesticides use operations. Learn how building soil health leverages other natural systems in order to manage pests and environmental challenges.

These trainings are supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under award number 2020-70017-0075.

USDA **UConn** COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES



WEBINAR 1
Assessing soil health:
What is the status of my soil health?
Tuesday, February 15
Speaker: Kirsten Kurtz (Cornell Soil Health Lab)

WEBINAR 2
The value of soil health:
soil, plant, and animal interactions
Tuesday, March 22
Speakers: Sam Corcoran (UMass Extension)
Joe Emmerheiser (UConn Extension)

WEBINAR 3
Creating meaningful soil health change:
What can I do to make positive changes to my soil health?
Tuesday, April 19
Speakers: Kaitlin Farbotnik (NJ NRCS)
Matthew Denton (Soil Health Division, NRCS)

All webinars will be held from 10 am to 12 noon

Webinars are open to service providers and farmers and will be comprised of time for instruction in addition to interactive breakout sessions. Partaking in all webinars is encouraged, but not required.

For more information, visit <https://livestock.extension.uconn.edu/> or contact Rachel Bessuda, Project Director at rachel.bessuda@uconn.edu

REGISTER HERE - s.uconn.edu/regsarespring22



Advancing 4-H Youth Careers in Food and Agriculture via Biotechnology & STEM



Calling Youth Ages 14-18:

- Are you interested in learning biotechnology?
- Do you want to explore biotechnology as a career?

Join our new 4-H clubs focused on agriculture, food, biotechnology, and STEM careers. Youth ages 14-18 can:

- Join a cohort and help us build online games (participate in a design jam with New Mexico State University and provide game feedback)
- Visit agriculture, food, and biotechnology companies in the state (in-person field trips)
- Explore careers in food, agriculture, biotechnology, and STEM

Learn more: s.uconn.edu/biotech

UConn 4-H

UConn 4-H is the youth development program of Extension in UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. 4-H is a community of over six million young people across the U.S. who are learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), leadership, citizenship and life skills through their 4-H project work.



UConn COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 EXTENSION

Benchmarking for Farm Business Success!

Please join UConn Extension for this instructive webinar on Thursday, March 3 at 12 p.m.

Register @ s.uconn.edu/benchmarking

Chris Laughton, Director of Knowledge Exchange at Farm Credit East, will discuss business benchmarking and its potential value for your agricultural enterprise. Chris will cover a number of topics related to benchmarking, including:

- What is "benchmarking" anyway?
- Why should I use benchmarks in my farm management?
- How can they help me improve my profitability?
- Where can I find benchmark data? And How can I use it?
- What should I consider next?

This webinar is recommended for any agricultural managers who wish to take their businesses to the next level of success. Regardless of size, how long you've been in business or whether you're happy with your current profit levels or not, benchmarking can help. Tune in to find out how.

This webinar is free and open to all. For those who cannot attend live, it will be recorded and posted at <https://ctfarmrisk.extension.uconn.edu> following the session.

UConn COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 EXTENSION & PLANT SCIENCE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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